

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.(previously presented) In a trailer hitch apparatus for mounting on a towing vehicle to be coupled to a vehicle to be towed, a combination recessed storage and pivoting hook up receiver and ball mount assembly comprising:

a first frame member adapted to be mounted to the lower rear frame of a towing vehicle having upper and lower surfaces;

a bottom plate fixed to said frame member;

a top plate fixed to said frame member spaced apart from said bottom plate;

a hollow tubular hitch receiver member pivotally mounted between said bottom and top plates and having open front and rear ends;

said tubular hitch member being mounted so as to be pivotable through substantially one hundred eighty degrees from left side to right side of the towing vehicle;

a ball mount member having front and rear ends, telescopically mounted in said tubular hitch receiver member and having a body portion longer than the length of said receiver member and a hitch ball mounted on the rear end thereof;

said ball mount member and receiver member each having cooperating latching means for securing said ball mount member in a selected position in said receiver member;

towing index means and stowing index means mounted between said top and bottom plates; and

index receiving means formed on the front end of said ball mount member opposite said hitch ball end adapted to selectively cooperatively engage with said towing or stowing index means;

whereby in the unlatched condition said ball mount member may be rotated left to right and telescoped in and out of said receiver member to facilitate attaching to the vehicle to be towed and then secured either in towing or stowing condition by actuation of said ball mount member and receiver member latching means.

2.(previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said towing and stowing index means comprise a threaded bolt inserted vertically through said top and bottom plates; and

said stowing index means is positioned so that when said index receiving means on the front end of said ball mount member is engaged therewith said receiver and ball mount members are recessed under the rear end of the towing vehicle.

3.(previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 2 wherein said cooperating latching means includes a linch pin inserted in aligned holes in said tubular hitch receiver and ball mount members respectively to lock them together.

Please cancel claims 4-7, 9, 12, & 13.

8.(previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said tubular hitch member with said ball mount member positioned therein pivots a total of one hundred fifty degrees from left to right to facilitate easy hitching up of a vehicle to be towed.

10.(previously canceled)

11. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 10 14 further including a linch pin inserted in said set of aligned holes in said hitch receiver and ball mount members to maintain said members in towing or stowed condition.

14.(currently amended) In a trailer hitch apparatus for mounting on a towing vehicle to be coupled to a vehicle to be towed, a combination recessed storage, telescoping, and pivoting hook up receiver and ball mount assembly, that may be selectively positioned in operating hitch-up, towing, or stowage condition by use of a single linch pin comprising:

a hollow tubular hitch receiver ~~member pivotally~~ member pivotally mounted on the rear of a towing vehicle for left to right movement of substantially one hundred eighty degrees;

a ball mount member , having forward and rearward ends, telescopically mounted in said tubular hitch receiver having a length greater than said hitch receiver and carrying on the rearward end thereof a hitch ball;

said ball mount member having on the forward end index engaging means ;

towing index means and stowage index means mounted on said towing vehicle adjacent said tubular hitch receiver member;

a set of holes formed in said hitch receiver and ball mount member so that when assembled with said holes in alignment said receiver and ball mount assembly will engage said towing index means or said storage index means on the towing vehicle;

said towing and stowing index means being configured to engage with said ball mount member index engaging means when said ball mount member is telescopically inserted into said tubular hitch receiver and said set of holes in said hitch receiver and ball mount members are in alignment to hold said assembly in towing or storage condition.